GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1053
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Thefts in Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of cases of burglary, looting, snatching and other crimes in various long distance trains in the country particularly the recent one in which one cabinet Minister and his family were robbed in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, train-wise, year-wise and zone-wise particularly in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and South Central Railway Zone;

(c) whether it is a fact that increasing number of pick-pocketeers and drug addicts at the Old Delhi Railway Station posing a threat to the safety of the passengers and if so, the steps taken by the Railways for the safety of passengers at all the railway stations;

(d) whether the Railways have installed the upgraded Integrated Security System including installation of CCTV/surveillance cameras at all the railway stations for the safety of the passengers and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount of budget allocated for the said purpose specially for South Central Railway during the last three financial years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1053 BY SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY, SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB, SHRI NITYANAND RAI, SHRI RAVNEET SINGH, SHRI ARJUN MEGHWAL, SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK, SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE, SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI, SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS, SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA, SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY, SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT, SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN, SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL, SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA, SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR, SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH AND SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2015 REGARDING THEFTS IN TRAINS

(a) and (b): No, Madam. No case of burglary in long distance trains was reported in the last three years. The number of cases of loot (robbery & dacoity) and drugging have decreased in long distance trains in the year 2014 in comparison to the previous year. However, number of cases of theft of personal belongings of passengers have increased. The number of cases of burglary, loot (robbery & dacoity), theft of personal belongings and drugging in long distance trains over Indian Railways during the last three years zone-wise is appended.

In the incident of dacoity with the passengers including Hon'ble Finance Minister of Madhya Pradesh who were travelling in Train No.12281 DN. Gondwana Express on 19.03.2015, Government Railway Police (GRP)/ H. Nizamuddin registered a case vide zero FIR and transferred the cases to GRP/Mathura on the point of jurisdiction. GRP/Mathura registered cases vide crime no.109, 109A, 109B dated 27.3.2015 under section 395 IPC. In this regard, 08 accused have been arrested by Government Railway Police/ Mathura.

(c): It is not a fact. However, the following steps are being taken to ensure security of passengers at Railway Stations:

I. Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of GRP in access control at all the Railway stations.
II. Railway Protection Force personnel are being deployed in civil clothes at platforms and, in trains to keep watch on the activities of suspects and antisocial elements.
III. Regular drives are being conducted under the provision of the Railways Act against antisocial elements.
IV. Close liaison is being maintained with GRP, Civil Police and other departments to avoid criminal activities in station premises.
(d): 202 stations have been identified as sensitive for the purpose of installation of an Integrated Security System to strengthen surveillance mechanism at these stations. CCTV cameras have already been installed over 82 stations.

(e): Funds to the tune of 183.99 crore have been allocated during last three years (2012-13 to 2014-15) for Integrated Security System, which include 9.97 crore allocated for South Central Railway.

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